

ESSB 6444 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5483.2/10) 1326

By Representative Green

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1 On page 243, after line 30 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

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4 **"Sec. 715.** 2009 c 564 s 915 (uncodified) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6	<u>General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2011)</u>	<u>\$80,472,000</u>
7	<u>Special Account Salary/Insurance Increase Account--State Revolving</u>	
8	<u>Account Appropriation</u>	<u>\$84,430,000</u>
9	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>\$164,902,000</u>

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11 Appropriations for state agencies in this act, and as appropriated
12 above, are sufficient for nonrepresented and represented state
13 employee health benefits for state agencies, including institutions of
14 higher education. The office of financial management shall update
15 agency appropriations schedules to reflect the changes to funding
16 levels in this section by agency and fund. ((and))The appropriations
17 for health insurance funding rates in state agency appropriations, and
18 those in this section are subject to the following conditions and
19 limitations:

20 (1)(a) The monthly employer funding rate for insurance benefit
21 premiums, public employees' benefits board administration, and the
22 uniform medical plan, shall not exceed \$745 per eligible employee for
23 fiscal year 2010. For fiscal year 2011 the monthly employer funding
24 rate shall not exceed ((~~\$768~~))\$885 per eligible employee.

25 (b) In order to achieve the level of funding provided for health
26 benefits, the public employees' benefits board shall require any or
27 all of the following: Employee premium copayments, increases in

1 point-of-service cost sharing, the implementation of managed
2 competition, or make other changes to benefits consistent with RCW
3 41.05.065. During the 2009-11 fiscal biennium, the board may only
4 authorize benefit plans and premium contributions for an employee and
5 the employee's dependents that are the same, regardless of an
6 employee's status as represented or nonrepresented under the personnel
7 system reform act of 2002.

8 (c) The health care authority shall deposit any moneys received on
9 behalf of the uniform medical plan as a result of rebates on
10 prescription drugs, audits of hospitals, subrogation payments, or any
11 other moneys recovered as a result of prior uniform medical plan
12 claims payments, into the public employees' and retirees' insurance
13 account to be used for insurance benefits. Such receipts shall not be
14 used for administrative expenditures.

15 (d) The conditions in this section apply to benefits for
16 nonrepresented employees, employees represented by the super
17 coalition, and represented employees outside of the super coalition,
18 including employees represented under chapter 47.64 RCW.

19 (2) The health care authority, subject to the approval of the
20 public employees' benefits board, shall provide subsidies for health
21 benefit premiums to eligible retired or disabled public employees and
22 school district employees who are eligible for medicare, pursuant to
23 RCW 41.05.085. From January 1, 2010, through the remainder of the
24 2009-11 fiscal biennium, the subsidy shall be \$182.89.

25 (3) Technical colleges, school districts, and educational service
26 districts shall remit to the health care authority for deposit into
27 the public employees' and retirees' insurance account established in
28 RCW 41.05.120 the following amounts:

29 (a) For each full-time employee, \$59.59 per month beginning
30 September 1, 2009, and \$64.90 beginning September 1, 2010;

31 (b) For each part-time employee, who at the time of the remittance
32 is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or
33 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit contributions
34 for basic benefits, \$59.59 each month beginning September 1, 2009, and

1 \$64.90 beginning September 1, 2010, prorated by the proportion of
2 employer fringe benefit contributions for a full-time employee that
3 the part-time employee receives. The remittance requirements
4 specified in this subsection shall not apply to employees of a
5 technical college, school district, or educational service district
6 who purchase insurance benefits through contracts with the health care
7 authority."

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9 Correct the title.

EFFECT: In addition to appropriations for state agency employee health insurance costs included in agency budgets, an amount sufficient to increase the fiscal year 2011 state funding rate from \$768 per employee per month to \$885 is appropriated.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund-State by \$80,472,000.
Increases Other Funds by \$84,430,000.

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